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A Father's Prayer...

From a speech by Archie Manning on September 29, 1988:

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishbone will not be where his backbone should be; a son who will know Thee - and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength.

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A Look at the Vols...

Shawn Bryson - Doing What It Takes!

When Shawn Bryson decided to don the Orange and White of Tennessee, he envisioned himself as a future starting tailback.

He certainly had the credentials to join the likes of Johnnie Jones, Charlie Garner, James Stewart and Jay Graham. He rushed for 986 yards and 12 touchdowns his junior season at Franklin High School in western North Carolina. He topped that his senior season with 1204 yards and 19 touchdowns and earned All-America honors from three rating services.

He was relegated to backup duties his first two seasons on the Hill, playing behind Graham. Graham eventually became UT's third-leading career rushing with 2609 yards and set the standard for single-season yardage in 1995 with 1438 yards.

So, heading into the 1997 season, it appeared Bryson may be the next tailback for the Vols. But not only did Graham leave the Tennessee backfield so did fullback Chester Ford. So Tennessee coaches were not only looking for a tailback, they also were in search of a fullback.

Bryson has proven his elusiveness, and has become one of the most feared fullbacks in the conference because of his blocking, running and pass catching abilities. Here, South Carolina finds this out first hand.

The choice for that latter position was Bryson. It was a move he was reluctant to make at first, but one that has paid dividends both for him and the Vols.

"At first I did not want to move to fullback but I thought about it more and I thought it was a good opportunity for me," Bryson said. "I was upset at first, but I saw my opportunity. I wanted to do something and I thought I could step up to help the team and help myself."

Bryson's first year at fullback proved to be a success. He helped the Vols roll up an 11-2 record, win a Southeastern Conference championship and garner their third consecutive Top 10 finish.

The offense also established records for yardage in a game (695) against Kentucky and total yardage in a season with 5794 yards.

For his part Bryson picked up 150 yards on the ground and caught 29 passes for 307 yards. He played a pivotal role in the 59-31 win over Kentucky when he caught four passes for 70 yards. With his speed and ability, Bryson added a new dimension to the fullback position for the Vols. That is something he wants to continue in 1998.

"In the past Tennessee really did not have versatile fullbacks," Bryson said. "They were mostly bigger and just out there to lay it on the linebackers. Before the ball was never thrown to the fullback, but the coaches are trying to get the ball to the fullback now."

Having a versatile fullback also frees-up the rest of the offensive skill players. Opposing teams have to be aware of the threat of Bryson, and that takes some of the pressure of tailback Jamal Lewis.

"He is a great weapon," Lewis said, "because he can run the ball and can catch the ball out of the backfield. We can do a lot out of our backfield and that will shake up a lot of defenses."

The threat of Bryson along with Peyton Manning, Marcus Nash, Peerless Price and company opened things up for Lewis last year. The Atlanta native rang up 1364 yards to become the fourth-leading freshmen rusher in NCAA history. He earned Freshman All-America honors and was the Freshman of the Year in the SEC as selected by the Associated Press. But he knows Bryson played a role in his stellar season.

"Shawn is a big part of my success," Lewis said. "Without him some of the runs I break probably would not be there. With a big guy like him back there, he is great to run behind."

Bryson's tailback experience is also beneficial to Lewis.

"It helps me a lot that Shawn was a tailback," Lewis said. "He knows what it is like to play tailback. During the game, he will tell me about who is making the tackles and who he is going to block. Then we are able to get in a routine."

Bryson readily admits he still has a tailback mentality but has accepted his role of primarily being a blocker.

"At tailback you don't really have to block," Bryson said. "You just get the ball and run. It is not in the tailback's nature to block except on pass plays. But fullback is a more aggressive mentality kind of like a linebacker. It is not really in my nature, but I can do it.

"In my mind I know that blocking is what I have to do. If the tailback is running behind me, I don't want to mess it up for him. I want to do what I need to do and get out of the way."

Blocking is just part of what Bryson does. His sub 4.5 40-yard dash speed makes him an offensive threat. Add that to the speed of Lewis and the versatility of quarterback Tee Martin and the Vols have a threatening backfield.

"Defenses are not going to know what to expect from us," Lewis said. "We have a fullback that can run the ball and come out the backfield and catch passes. Tee is pretty fast, Shawn has speed, and I have a little speed, so we are going to have a pretty fast backfield."

The versatile backfield will also help in keeping defenses from keying on Lewis.

"I hope the fullback runs the ball more so defenses want be keying on Jamal all the time," Bryson said. "Then when I get the ball, I will have the opportunity to break one. If they are keying are Jamal, it will open things up for me."

But part of being a fullback is being unselfish and doing what it takes for your teammates and your team to be successful.

"I want us to work as a team and be good," Bryson said. "I feel good when Jamal does well. Every time he rushes for 200 yards, I feel like I am a part of it, and the offensive line feels like they are a part of it too."

Bryson not only does it on the field, but as a captain he has duties off the field as well. He is one of four captains along with Jeff Hall, Mercedes Hamilton and Al Wilson. Aside from being a team captain, Bryson must also lead the backfield for the Vols. He is the only senior running back and has the most playing experience of any offensive back.

"I enjoy being the leader of the backfield," he said. "I am the oldest back out there. All the other guys are sophomores and I want them to look up to me. I want them to come to me if they have trouble. If they have a problem, they should come to me to see if we can to work it out."

That's Shawn Bryson doing what it takes for the team.

"Shawn moving to fullback tells me he is a very unselfish person," Lewis said. "We are good friends off the field and you need that kind of bond between a fullback and a tailback. He doesn't gripe that he does not get the ball as often as he wants. He just plays his game and does what he needs to do."

—Rob Hardin

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—Shawn Bryson

Vols 20, Florida 17
Good Guys Win in OT!

Shields-Watkins Field, Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 19, 1998, Game No. 1018 -- Phillip Fulmer said this game was "why you came to Tennessee." He was right. This was one of those games that is an absolute delight when you win, an absolute downer when you lose.

The final score tonight was Tennessee 20, Florida 17, in overtime, before a jam-packed Neyland Stadium record crowd of 107,653, none of whom appeared to have left early.

It was the first OT game for both the Vols and the Gators and, as usual, there seems to be great strategy involved in how to approach the extra period.

Florida won the toss and elected to go on defense, trying, it seems, to see exactly what they would have to do to win the game on its possession.

The gambit almost worked when the Vols were called for holding and it was third-and-23 at the Vol 38. A potential game-winning field goal would have been from 54 yards, barring the disaster of a sack or a turnover. Tee Martin, a cool customer if there ever was one, found enough room to get the ball to the 24. Then Jeff Hall knocked home what would become the game-winner from 41 yards out.

"There was a pass called," Martin said in the din of the Vol interview room. "I knew we had to get 10 yards at least. Florida had its linebackers backed up, so I knew I had to scramble and get as much as I could." "As much as I could" was 14 yards to the 24, which, in this case, was plenty.

That left things up to Vol defenders and they were up to the task. Eric Westmoreland, Steve Johnson and the seemingly-indefatigable Al Wilson made the requisite big plays. It came down to a 32-yard field goal by the Gators to send the game to another extra period.

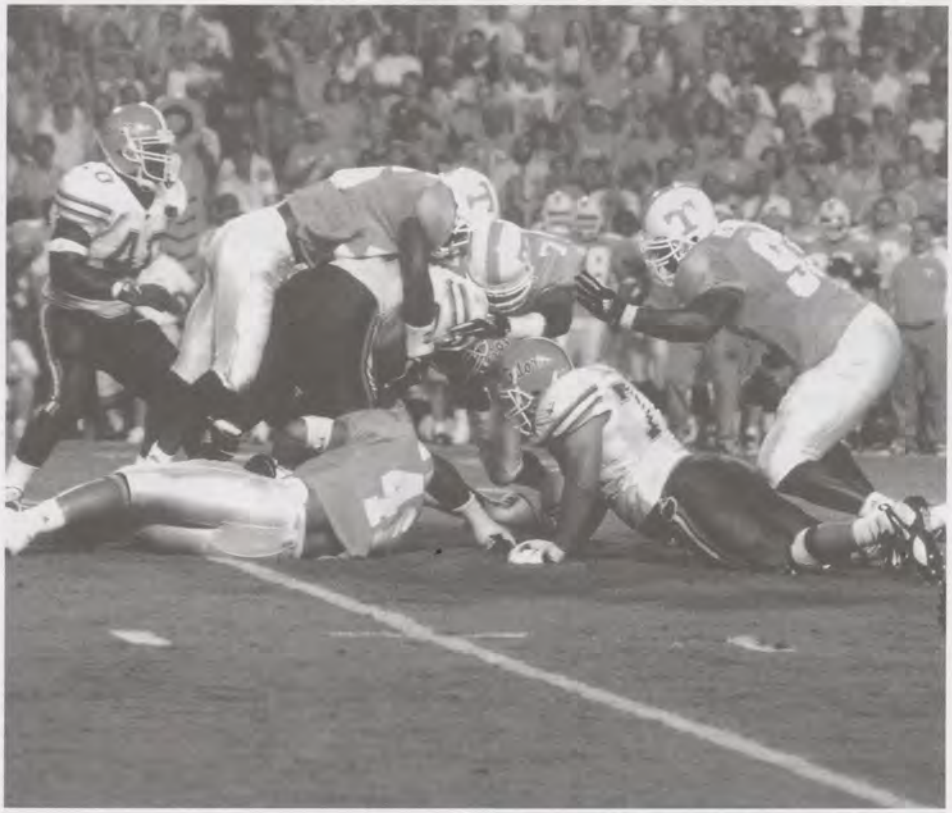
The kick faded left at the south end and happiness erupted all across the giant arena. The Vols had won and it was Christmas, New Year's and whatever other big moments in your life you care to remember. It was a magic moment. You'll remember where you were when it happened. No doubt about it.

It was Hall's second game-winning field goal in as many games and third overall in his career. The youngster from Winchester and buddies Kevin Gregory and Benson Scott and the rest of the kicking team got it done.

"Jeff practices that kick 100 times a day," center Spencer Riley, a tough customer up front, said. "I'd bet he makes that kick 10 times out of 10."

Tennessee held the Gators to minus 13 yards rushing and survived the Gator aerial blitz to notch the victory. The Gators threw quarterbacks Jesse Palmer and Doug Johnson at the Vols, alternating signal-callers every play. The Gators had 409 yards passing including two TD passes. Yet it was a Deon Grant interception in the fourth quarter when things were most critical that proved to be one of the game's key plays. Grant ranged far across the field to make the pick and get the ball back for the good guys. It was a major-league play.

Martin did what it took offensively to get the Vols the win. Shawn Bryson blew right up the middle for a first quarter score from 57 yards out and Martin found Peerless Price for a TD from the 29 in the right corner at the south end. Hall later added a 39-yard field goal to complete the Vol scoring.



Tennessee's Chris Ramseur (41), Deon Grant (7) and Raynoch Thompson make the hit on Florida's Terry Jackson in action from Saturday night's game. John Karnes photo.

The experts said that turnovers would be the key and that was certainly the case as the Gators lost five and the Vols one. Florida coach Steve Spurrier told reporters after that game that he had lost count: "We had five? I thought we had seven."

The Vols lost an interception, but had no fumbles and the guys up front did not allow a sack. The Vols had five sacks for minus 54 yards and blew in on Florida quarterbacks all night like something out of Terry and the Pirates or perhaps the old-time Oakland Raiders under John Madden.

Raynoch Thompson was in on 10 tackles, while Al Wilson added eight. Steve Johnson had seven hits, while Grant was in on five in addition to his interception. Fred White had six hits and Shaun Ellis added five. Al Wilson set a school record with three caused fumbles. Mikki Allen forced a fourth fumble. Thompson recovered two while Billy Ratliff and Fred White grabbed the others. Darwin Walker had a sack for minus 14, while Jeff Coleman had one for minus 11 and Al Wilson added one for minus 11.

GAME NOTES: The Vols have now won 10 straight regular season games, dating back to the loss at Florida last year... The Vols won today, six years to the day of their last win against the Gators in 1992... Hall has now made 14 of his last 16 field goal attempts... Hall has 285 career points, placing him 10th on the SEC career scoring list. He is still third on the Vol scoring list behind Fuad Reveiz (314) and John Becksvoort (317)... Jamal Lewis moved to 20th on Tennessee's career rushing charts with 1586 yards... David Leaverton averaged 43.3 on nine boots and had a long kick of 61 yards.

-- Tom Mattingly

Tennessee's Shawn Bryson on his way to a 57-yard scoring jaunt in the first quarter of Saturday night's game. John Karnes photo.

Tennessee Statistics vs. Florida

Team Statistics	TENN	FLA
First Down	7	17
Rushing	6	4
Passing	1	11
Penalty	0	2
Rushing Attempts	34	30
Yards Gained	184	50
Yards Lost	13	63
Net Yards Rushing	171	-13
Net Yards Passing	64	409
Passes Attempted	20	49
Passes Completed	7	31
Had Intercepted	1	1
Total Offensive Plays	54	79
Total Net Yards	235	396
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-4
Int. Return/Yards	1-27	1-1
Penalties/Yards	8-78	9-65
3rd Down Conversions	2-14	9-20
4th Down Conversions	0-0	0-0
Punts/Average	9-43.3	6-41.2
Punt Returns/Yards	2-20	3-51
Kickoff Returns/Yards	3-76	2-64
Sacks By/Yards	5-54	0-0
Time of Possession	25:58	34:02

SCORE BY QUARTER

Florida	**3**	**7**	**7**	**0**	**0 — 17**
TENNESSEE	**7**	**3**	**7**	**0**	**3 — 20**

1F - Cooper, FG 21.
Drive: 52 yards, 6 plays, 2:49 possession, 5:54 clock.
1T - Bryson, run 57. Hall kick.
Drive: 64 yards, 2 plays, 1:02 possession, 4:52 clock.
2T - Hall, FG 39.
Drive: 12 yards, 5 plays, 1:47 possession, 7:12 clock.
2F - Taylor, pass from Palmer 8. Cooper kick.
Drive: 67 yards, 10 plays, 3:11 possession. 0:20 clock.
3T - Price, pass from T. Martin 29. Hall kick.
Drive: 28 yards, 2 plays, :49 possession, 7:36 clock
3F - McGriff, pass from Palmer 70. Cooper kick.
Drive: 69 yards, 3 plays, 2:18 possession, 5:18 clock
(OT)T - Hall, FG 41.

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Lewis	21	88	6	82	0	18
Bryson	5	65	1	64	1	57
T. Martin	8	31	6	25	0	14
Totals	**34**	**184**	**13**	**171**	**1**	**57**
FLORIDA	*30*	*50*	*63*	*-13*	*0*	*8*

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
T. Martin	20	7	1	64	1	29
FLORIDA	*49*	*31*	*1*	*409*	*2*	*70*

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Copeland	2	17	0	10
Price	3	38	1	29
Bryson	2	9	0	6
Totals	**7**	**64**	**1**	**29**
FLORIDA	*31*	*409*	*2*	*70*

PUNTING

	No.	Yards.	Avg.	LP
Leaverton	9	390	43.3	61
FLORIDA	*6*	*247*	*41.2*	*52*

PUNT RETURNS

	Ret	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
Copeland	2	20	10	0	16
FLORIDA	*3*	*51*	*17*	*0*	*31*

KICKOFF RETURNS

	Ret	Yds	Avg.	TD	Long
Stephens	3	76	25.3	0	36
FLORIDA	*2*	*64*	*32*	*0*	*45*

FIELD GOALS

	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	60+	LK
Hall	0/0	1/1	1/1	0/0	0/0	41
FLA	*1/1*	*0/1*	*0/0*	*0/0*	*0/0*	*21*

INTERCEPTIONS

	No	Yds	TD	Long
Grant	1	27	0	27
FLORIDA	*1*	*1*	*0*	*1*

Fulmer File...

FLORIDA GAME 1998!

Like I told visiting prospects gathered in the dressing room after our heart-stopping victory over Florida: This is why you come to Tennessee, for games like this.

For the second straight time Jeff Hall was our hero, hitting the winning field goal and again showing why the squad took the unusual step of electing a kicker as one of its captains. Jeff has the heart and character and, furthermore, he hails from Winchester, which I will vouch is a pretty good place to grow up.

What a setting, and what a night! I would wager every last one of the record 107,653 fans were still in their seats when Florida's overtime field goal attempt failed and we had nailed down the 20-17 victory.

The win ended Florida's string of five victories against us and got that nasty monkey off of our back. It was Florida's first defeat, helped along by four critical fumbles. The team that makes the fewest mistakes will win, General Neyland said, and the overtime battle with the Gators was a classic example.

I said before the game that I like this Tennessee team, win or lose. But, I am really proud of their hanging in there against Florida. The victory shows what this team is made of, but it also presents a challenge that will face us the rest of the season. The important thing in the days ahead concerns what we do with this victory, how we work when we return to practice Monday, how we attend class, how we take the win and make it a building block.

Hats off to our fans! A school as great as Tennessee has an outstanding tradition and tremendously loyal fans. Their effect Saturday night was crucial to our victory.

In the dressing room, we paid special tribute to our offensive line and to the defense. It wasn't all pretty with the offensive line, but they got the job done against one of the strongest defenses in college football. The quintet of Spencer Riley, Jarvis Reado, Chad Clifton, Mercedes Hamilton and Cosey Coleman managed to withstand the Gators' veteran talented defense and hold their own.

Our defense delivered some ferocious licks that were responsible for the turnovers that meant so much to our performance. Al Wilson is catching on quickly to his new job as middle linebacker.

When Al hits somebody, it registers on the Richter scale. His three strips for fumbles were a huge statistic, but it was his overall play that pleased our coaching staff. Al is really playing under control, making the moves that reflect his maturity and leadership.

The victory was the result of hard work that characterized our preparation, a testimonial to both our players and our staff. Our workouts the two weeks we had since Syracuse were productive in every respect. I feel our team had a good attitude and that nobody was down mentally. We accomplished a lot on the practice field and had a feeling of confidence and enthusiasm going into the game.

Give deserved credit to Florida. The Gators battled to the very end. Turnovers made the difference. Our defense stepped up and made the plays we had to have, but those guys stayed on the field too long. We need to do something to get them more rest when Houston comes to Neyland Stadium Saturday evening.

--Phillip Fulmer

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THEY CALLED HIM "SUFF!"

University of Tennessee football reached its zenith in the three consecutive perfect record regular seasons of 1938-39-40, and no Vol player of that golden era personified Tennessee's dominance as much as Bob Suffridge.

Robert Lee Suffridge, a Knoxville boy who won his first fame with the great Central High School teams of the mid-thirties, was a dynamo on the field and a free spirit off it. His coach, Bob Neyland, regarded his prize lineman as both a blessing and a curse.

"He had the quickest and most powerful defensive charge of any football player I have ever seen," Neyland once said. "He literally exploded off the line of scrimmage and possessed a very powerful shoulder block on offense. He was particularly good at pulling out and leading plays downfield because he was a great open field blocker."

Football spectators do not always notice interior lineman, but they couldn't help seeing Suffridge. In that memorable 21-0 victory over Alabama at Shields-Watkins Field in 1939, Suffridge crashed through to spill the Tide's great running back, Jimmy Nelson, for so many losses that Nelson finally offered his tormentor the ball.

"Here, Suff, you play tailback," said the Tide star. "You're back here more than I am, anyway."

The inevitable question of whether Suffridge could have played in today's modern game could be answered this way. He probably wouldn't get a chance. He stood about six feet tall and weighed 185 pounds. That was too small for some schools even in his day. Southern Cal, for instance, turned him down when he expressed interest in playing for the Trojans. So he decided to stay at home.

It was an ideal choice for him. Neyland did not seek heavyweights for his lineman. He preferred a combination of quickness and strength for the single wing offense, which featured pulling guards, and his wide tackle six defense which tended to envelop the opposing ball carrier. Suffridge was perfect for the strong side guard position.

He was the most honored Vol player of his generation. He was a three-time All-SEC pick, a three-time All-America, and the winner of the Knute Rockne award as the outstanding college lineman of 1940. In 1950 he was named to the Associated Press Half-Century team as one of the eleven best college players from 1900-1950. He was selected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1961.

Once in the aftermath of a hard-fought loss to Tennessee, a writer asked Vanderbilt players to pick an all-opponent team.

"Bob Suffridge for all eleven positions!," yelled a battered Commodore back, and all his teammates shouted in agreement.

Suffridge did not fit into any mold. Rules for him were made to be broken. He and roommate Jimmy Coleman got into so much trouble one season that Neyland called him into his office and told him to find another roomie. At next season's end Neyland asked him who he was rooming with at the time.

"Jimmy Coleman," said Suff.

"I thought I told you to get another roommate," said Neyland.

"You did," said Suff. "But nobody else would room with me or Coleman either one."

"You two remind me of a couple of guys we had at West Point," said Neyland.

"Who was the other one?," said the irrepressible Suffridge.

Football has changed and the players have grown to enormous physical dimensions since Bob Suffridge anchored a Tennessee defense that carried the Vols through an undefeated, untied and unscored-on regular season record in 1939.

But those who recall his awesome presence tell us that inch for inch and pound for pound, Tennessee has never had a greater player.

Former Vol

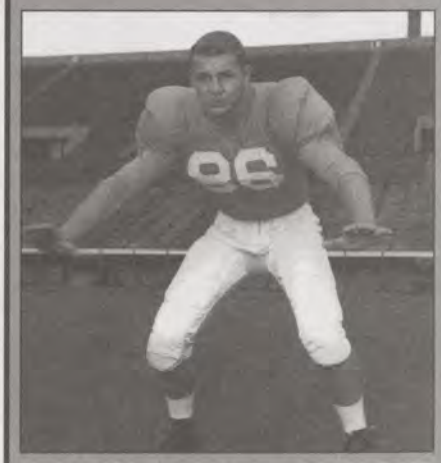
Mike Stratton
(1959-61)

Mike Stratton came to UT from Tellico Plains and played for the Vols from 1959-61.

During that time, he was a part of Vol teams which broke Auburn and LSU winning streaks in 1959 and scored an upset of Georgia Tech in 1961.

Stratton played professionally for the Buffalo Bills and the San Diego Chargers and gained some measure of notoriety on NFL Films for his play in the 1964 AFC Championship Game, which included a textbook tackle he made on San Diego's Keith Lincoln.

Stratton now lives in Knoxville and works an employee benefit broker and consultant with a company called Financial Solutions.



Mike Stratton played end for the Vols in the 1959-61 seasons and went on to an outstanding professional career with Buffalo and San Diego.

Vol News & Notes...

Tennessee Tournament of Champions Draws Near

The 11th annual Tennessee Tournament of Champions will be held Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 5-6.

The tournament will be held at Knoxville's Fox Den Country Club, par 72, 7,142 yards, for the first time after a 10-year stint at Holston Hills Country Club.While the location may be different, the quality of the field remains excellent.

Host Tennessee, North Florida, Auburn, Southern California, LSU, Florida State, N.C. State, Arkansas, Virginia, ETSU, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, Florida Southern and Furman make up the 14-team field.

Coca-Cola and WIVK are sponsors for the 54-hole tournament. A practice round will be held on Sunday, Oct. 4 for all teams. Teams will play 36 holes on Monday and the final 18 holes on Tuesday.

First-year head coach Jim Kelson also makes his debut at the helm of the Volunteer golf program at the Tennessee Tournament of Champions.

Coach Green's Coaching Clinic Set

The 1998 Jerry Green Coaches' Clinic is set for October 16-17. Featured speakers are Coach Jerry Green (Head Coach, University of Tennessee Men's Basketball), Coach Pat Summitt (Head Coach, University of Tennessee Lady Vols), and Randy Wiel (Head Coach, Middle Tennessee State University).

Also featured are team practices and Midnight Madness.

The cost is $75 for two-day registration and $55 for Saturday registration. For more information, please call (423) 974-1206 or (800) 244-0853.

Harriers Run First Race of Season

Running in their first meet of the year, the Vols cross country squad took first place at the Western Carolina Invitational in Cullowhee, N.C., beating host Western Carolina, East Tennessee and Furman.

Senior Doug Ellington captured first in the 6K event, while junior transfer Anthony Famiglietti took second place honors. The Vols placed a total of four athletes in the top 10.

ESPN Gives High Marks to Vols

ESPN has ranked Tennessee's frontcourt and backcourt among the nation's top five for 1998-99 on its website, ESPN.com.

Former Duke standout Jay Bilas made the rankings and is obviously impressed with the Vols' talent and experience in the backcourt and along the frontline.

Bilas ranks the UT frontcourt (C.J. Black, Charles Hathaway, Isiah Victor, Torrey Harris, Rashard Lee and Vincent Yarbrough) No. 3 in the nation, behind Duke and Stanford. Connecticut and Maryland round out the top five.

Bilas wrote that "C.J. Black is a good shot blocker" and that "he can put points up in a hurry." He described Hathaway as a "strong and terrific rebounder who looks to score." Bilas also noted the return of Harris, Lee and Victor as key players, as well as incoming prep All-America, Vincent Yarbrough. "Yarbrough is an explosive talent that should add a new dimension to this team."

In the backcourt, Bilas ranks the Tennessee guards (Tony Harris, Brandon Wharton, Aaron Green, Vegas Davis and Del Baker) No. 4 nationally for 1998-99, "combining talent and experience." Bilas says Tony Harris "could be the most explosive player in the conference," and added that Wharton is "an outstanding shooting guard and a capable perimeter defender." He also mentioned the fact that both Green and Davis can be productive off the bench, as proven last season, and that Baker had "some nice performances toward the end of 1998."

—Compiled by Donnell Field

Lettermen News & Notes...

New Board Members

Now that all the votes have been tabulated we would like to introduce our new board members to you.

Byrl Logan, basketball (1937-39); Mike LaSorsa, Football (1958-60); Greg Watts, Golf (1985-86); and Marty Sonnenfeldt, Track and Field (1976-77) are your newest board members.

Next Board Meeting

The next T-Club meeting will be Oct. 8, at the Gibbs Hall Dining at Noon. Board members need to present at next meeting. Please contact Pat Shires or Judy Constantine if you can not attend.

Lettermen's Room Open

Three hours prior to each home game, lettermen will find the T-Club Room open for light snack foods and soft drinks, ongoing ballgames on large televisions, and great conversation from some of your old friends.

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Lettermen's Weekend

The 1998 Lettermen's Weekend has ben set for Nov. 21, as the Vols will host the Kentucky Wildcats. There is a slight possibility that there may some individual tickets available for that game. For more information on that weekend, please contact Judy Constantine at (423) 974-9054.

Next Issue

In our next issue of Smokey's Tale look for our guidelines for nominating Honorary Members to the Lettermen's Club.

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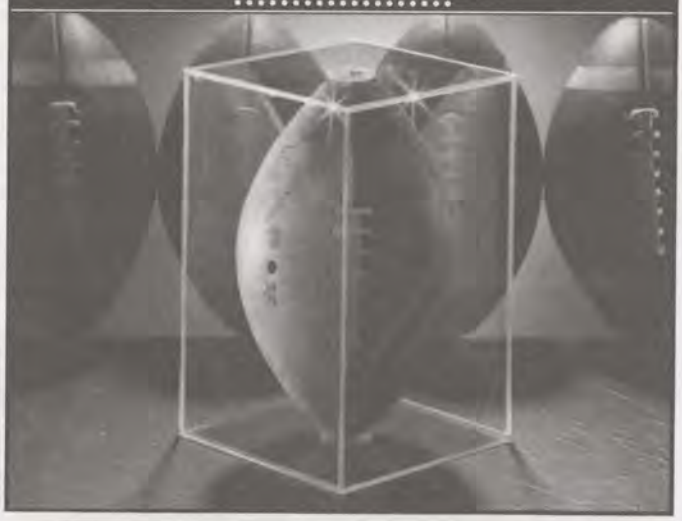

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This Week In Big Orange Country

Mazey Joins Diamond Vols

Randy Mazey has become a member of Big Orange Country as an assistant baseball coach. Mazey comes to Tennessee after one year stints at East Carolina and Georgia, following a three-year head coaching tenure at Charleston Southern and four years as a Clemson assistant.

Mazey spent the 1998 season at East Carolina where the Pirates compiled a 30-29 record while setting school marks for strikeouts and saves. He was named Associate Head Coach at ECU just prior to joining the UT staff in August 1998. Prior to East Carolina, Mazey served as recruiting coordinator/pitching coach for the Georgia Bulldogs in 1997. There, he helped guide the Bulldogs to their first winning season in four years while the pitching staff posted its lowest ERA (4.95) in four years as well. The Bulldogs' staff also set a single-season strikeout mark in his only season. Under his direction, two pitchers, Josh Gandy and Tristan Jerue, were drafted. As the youngest head coach in the country at the age of 27 when he took over Charleston Southern in 1994, Mazey led the Buccaneers to their first-ever NCAA Regional appearance in 1996, posting a 30-24-1 mark. It was CSU's first winning season since 1988 and its second 30-win season in school history.

Picked to finish last in the conference in the preseason, CSU rolled to a 17-4 record and its first-ever conference championship. As a result, Mazey was named the 1996 Big South Conference Coach of the Year. He compiled a three-year record of 66-94-1. Before taking the head coaching job at Charleston Southern, Mazey had served as an assistant at Clemson, his alma mater. Just prior to leaving for CSU, he had been named top assistant for the Tigers. While at Clemson, Mazey served as recruiting coordinator while also coaching the outfielders, hitters and baserunners.

While coaching at Clemson, the Tigers recorded a combined mark of 198-67, won two Atlantic Coast Conference titles, made four straight NCAA Regionals and advanced to the College World Series in 1991. He recruited or coached over 40 players that signed professional contracts, 19 of which were drafted in the top 10 rounds, including first rounders Kris Benson and Billy Koch in 1996.

The Johnstown, Pa., native was an 11th round pick by the Baltimore Orioles out of high school, but chose to attend Clemson instead. Mazey was a three-time All-ACC selection and two-time Academic All-ACC outfielder/pitcher while a member of the Tigers. Clemson won two ACC titles and participated in two NCAA regionals during his career from 1985-88. He finished with a career batting average of .331 and was 8-1 on the mound. He still ranks among the Tigers' top 10 in career games played (216) and stolen bases (65). After being drafted in the 28th round by the Cleveland Indians in 1988, Mazey played two seasons of professional baseball before returning to Clemson as an assistant coach.

Mazey earned his bachelor of science degree in administrative management from Clemson in 1988 and his MBA from Clemson in 1993.

— Volunteers Magazine Staff

Coach Randy Mazey comes to the Vols with an impressive resume in his coaching stint.

Volleyball in Full Swing

The are more spikes in Knoxville than just the ones at Hudson Field and Neyland Stadium. There are plenty more in Stokely-Athletic Center.

Stokely is the new home of the Lady Vol volleyball squad and is where home matches are played and hours are spent practicing. Alumni Gymnasium has played host to home matches during the last few years, but a new floor and improved seating are now in place in Stokely for the team.

The opening matches in the new facility saw the Lady Vols reel off three straight wins in the Toyota Lady Vol Classic.

The Lady Vols endured a grueling two-hour 34-minute match, to notch a 3-2 decision over Cleveland State in the finals of the tournament. With the win, the they concluded the tournament with a perfect 3-0 mark and captured team championship honors with the victory over Cleveland State.

The Lady Vols claimed the Toyota Classic to open their home season at Stokely.

Tennessee took the early advantage in the match by winning the first two games, 15-13 and 15-8. However, the Vikings swung the momentum in game three, topping the Lady Vols 15-12, and then extended the match with a 15-9 victory in game four.

Behind the play of tournament M.V.P. senior Mary Heinecke who registered 20 kills and eight digs against the Vikings, the Lady Vols took the deciding game, 15-8. Other key performances in the final match State included junior Chris Jestila, who registered 28 kills and 19 digs, and senior Christy Warren who recorded 49 assists and 10 digs.

The first two matches of the tournament for the Lady Vols saw them take a 3-0 win over Florida Atlantic. Included in the win was a 15-0 victory in game one, and it marked the Lady Vols first single game shutout win since 1988 against Mississippi. That win was followed by a 3-0 win over Radford. Both Heinecke and Jestila were selected to the all-tournament team.

This performance was followed up by splitting a pair of matches in the Houston Crown Plaza Medical Center Volleyball Classic. Tennessee knocked off Texas, San Antonio 3-0 but fell to host, Houston 0-3 later in the tournament.

The Lady Vols opened the season with a shutout loss to the Lady Tar Heels of North Carolina.

—Volunteers Magazine Staff

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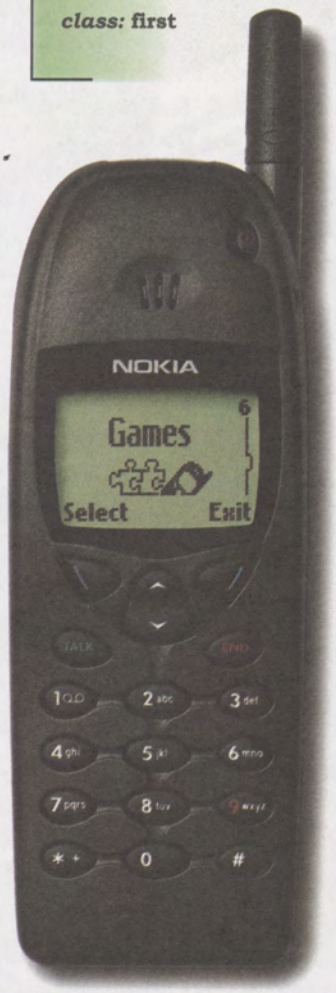

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VASF & Marketing News

VASF Day is Coming

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend the annual Volunteer Athletic scholarship Fund Day, a day designed to honor and thank all of the 10,000 VASF donors for all their efforts and contributions to support the Volunteers, is slated for next Saturday's home football game day when the Vols tackle the Houston Cougars on Sept. 26.

The annual festivities will take place on the floor of Thompson-Boling Arena from 4-p.m. until 6 p.m.

There will be plenty of games for all ages, free food, a live band (St. Somewhere) and autograph sessions with selected athletes from each of Tennessee's sports programs.

All VASF donors were mailed two complimentary admission tickets in the first part of September. More tickets will be available on the day of the event or can be obtained in advance by contacting the office of Athletic Development at (423) 974-1218.

Basketball Full Season Tickets and Big Game Packages are Available

Big Orange basketball fans, this is your chance to be a part of the "Monster Season" by purchasing either full season or mini-season (Big Game Pack) tickets for the 1998-99 basketball season.

The full season ticket package includes all 17 home games (15 regular season and two exhibitions) for only $196. If you live farther away and can not make all the home games, the Big Game Pack is a great alternative.

For only $48, you can have tickets to the four biggest home games of the year for the Vol hoopsters. All of the games are on Saturdays and your ticket order provides you with the same great seats for all four games.

The four games included in the Big Game Pack are battles against the South Carolina Gamecocks (Jan. 9), the Alabama Crimson Tide (Jan. 30), the Vanderbilt Commodores (Feb. 13) and the defending National Champion Kentucky Wildcats (Feb. 28). *This game against Kentucky will be John Ward's final home broadcast of any Volunteer sport.*

For more information about these 1998-99 ticket packages, contact the VASF office at (423) 974-1218.

Basketball Parking Deadline Approaches

The deadline for returning 1998-99 basketball parking applications is Oct. 1. All parking applications must be returned to the office of Athletic Development. If you need more information, or have not received your parking renewal or application, contact Claire Stone in the VASF office at (423) 974-1218.

The University of Tennessee Kids Club - The Junior Vols

The University of Tennessee and Chick-fil-A would like to thank all of the young Volunteer fans for all of their support and allow them a special opportunity to join an elite organization called the "Junior Vols."

Membership in this new and exciting club is limited to girls and boys ages 13-years-old and under.

For an annual fee of $25, Junior Vols will receive the official Junior Vols T-shirt; a Junior Vols membership card; the Junior Vols newsletter, "Paw Prints;" discounts while attending UT men's athletics coaches' summer camps and free admission into certain Tennessee sports home events, including baseball, swimming, track & field, tennis and golf.

The Office of Athletic Development will send every VASF donor and UT corporate partner a Junior Vols brochure in the coming weeks. Watch your mailbox for more information about this exciting new program sponsored by UT men's athletics. Don't miss this opportunity to provide your special someone with the ability to support the Volunteer athletic programs through membership in the Junior Vols.

For more information about the official UT kids club, the Junior Vols, contact the Athletic Marketing office at (423) 974-1734.

Court for Sale

Volunteer fans, the University of Tennessee is selling the playing court from Thompson-Boling Arena. The pieces come in five different sizes and are mounted on a plaque. Details are still not finalized, but if you want more information on how you can obtain a piece of Big Orange Country Tennessee Basketball history, call toll free (877)-UT-COURT (882-6878).

1998 Krystal Tip-Off Banquet

The 1998-99 basketball seasons will get underway with the 1998 Krystal Tip-Off Basketball Banquet on Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Thompson-Boling Arena. The featured speaker will be Sonny Smith, former VCU/Auburn/ETSU head basketball coach. John Ward will be the Master of Ceremonies. Tickets cost $25per person or $200 for a table seating eight (seven ticketholders and a special guest Tennessee men's or women's basketball player or coach). Corporate sponsorships are available and the meal will be catered by Calhoun's of Knoxville. To reserve your space now or to find more information, contact the Lady Vols basketball office at (423) 974-0001.

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DeMoss Ranked #1 Assistant

Mickie DeMoss, Tennessee's renowned recruiter, was named the nation's No. 1 assistant coach in a survey of Division I head women's basketball coaches.

The Women's Basketball Journal asked 58 coaches to list the top two assistants in the country, excluding members of their own staff. DeMoss was clearly the top choice with 48 votes, Chris Dailey of Connecticut and Amy Tucker of Stanford shared second place with 17 votes each.

"I'm very, very flattered by those results," said DeMoss, who is in her 14th year at Tennessee. "It's always an honor to be considered at that level by your peers. The success we've had here at Tennessee probably holstered those numbers, but I'm still very flattered."

DeMoss has helped head coach Pat Summitt guide the Lady Vols to five NCAA championships over the past 13 years, including the last three titles. Tennessee was the only program to place more than one assistant coach in the poll, Lady Vol assistants Holly Warlick and Al Brown each received two votes.

DeMoss played collegiately at Louisiana Tech from 1974-77 under Coach Sonja Hogg. DeMoss has served as an assistant at Memphis (1977-79) and Auburn (1983-85), and she was tile head coach at Florida from 1979-83.

DeMoss has been offered a series of head coaching jobs in recent years. Over the past summer, she turned down the WNBA post in Orlando and the Texas A&M position.

"That's a door I've left cracked. "Never say never," DeMoss said, "Things have been very good at Tennessee, both financially and in terms of success, I enjoy working here and I'm happy. Those things are important to me.

"It would take a very, very good situation to get me away from Tennessee. At the same time, I think every assistant goes through stages where they want to move up, it would be nice to be the one who says, 'Get me a point guard,' instead of being the one who had to go out and get a point guard."

Greene Will Not Return

University of Tennessee Lady Volunteer Coach Pat Summitt announced today that 5'9" senior guard Misty Greene would not return to the basketball team for the 1998-99 season. Greene joins Brynae Laxton who earlier chose not to return after graduating despite a year of eligibility left.

Michner With National Team

While her teammates have been occupied with classes and the early season grind, junior midfielder Kendyl Michner of the Lady Volunteer soccer team has been participating in the CONCACAF World Cup Qualifying Tournament for the Mexican National Team.

Although she did not see any action in her squad's 3-2 decision over Costa Rica last Saturday, the Germantown, Tenn., native played the second half of Mexico's 7-1 romp over Haiti on Monday night. Michner's team returns to action this evening at 8 o'clock versus Trinidad & Tobago, needing at least a tie to advance to the semifinal.

The champion of the pool receives an automatic berth into the 1999 World Cup hosted by the United States. The second-place team in this portion of the tourney must play Argentina to earn a second spot from the region.

Michner, a transfer from the University of Kansas, made an immediate impact for head coach Charlie MacCabe's club last season. She started all 19 games for the Lady Vols and set several offensive records for UT. With 24 points on 10 goals and four assists, the midfielder established new standards for goals and points in a single season, as well as a record with five game-winning goals. Once the Mexican National Team completes its action in the CONCACAF Tournament, Michner will rejoin the Orange and White.

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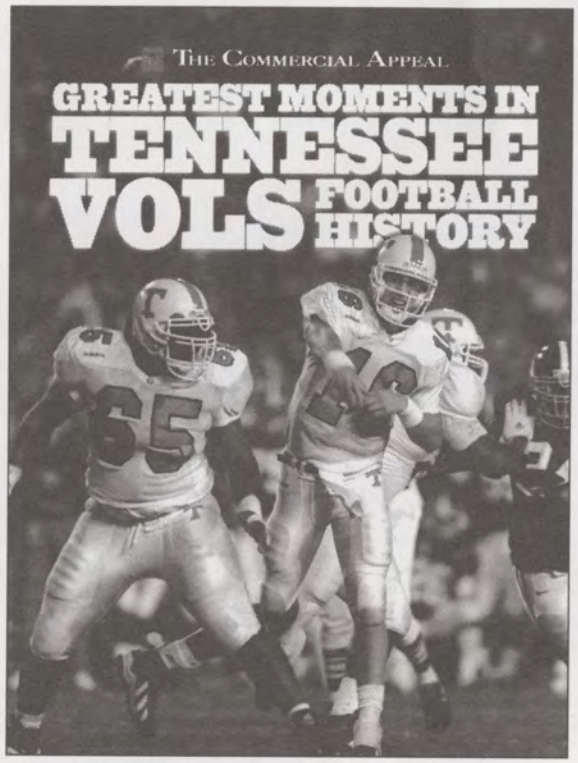

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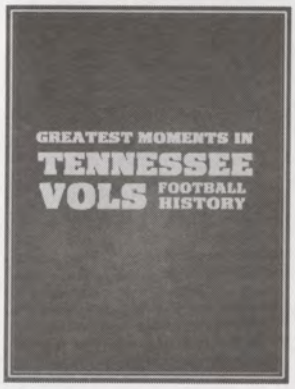

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Faces in Big Orange Country

Joe Dickson, a Kingsport native, returns for his third season as a Vol harrier. Joe has the distinction of being a member of the 4x1600M relay team that holds the Florida Relays meet record. He joins his brother John Dickson who is redshirting this season. Joe competed in all eight meets last fall. Has a personal best time of 26:55.90 at the Birmingham 8K and a 4:25.69 which he posted in the mile run at the SEC Indoor Championships in 1997. The Birmingham meet was his highest placement where he finished 20th overall.

Junior **Chris Jestilia** retuns for her third season where she hopes to return to top form after a knee injury sidelined her with 11 games remianing in the 1997 season. At the time of her injury Jestilia finished second on the team in kills with 254, while averaging 3.3 kills and 2.6 digs per contest. This season (through Sept. 15) she is already second in kills and digs and is within striking distance of both statistics. Jestilia hails from Phoenix, Ariz., where she played for Sunnyslope High School.

Ogden, Ill., native **Jon Jamison**, a junior, comes to the Vol harrier squad by way of Danville Area Communtiy College. A captain of the cross country squad saw his team take third in the NJCAA Championships. He was nominated in 1997 for the All-America Scholar and Academic All-America teams. In 1996 he earned All-America honors as Danville took second at the NJCAA Championships. He has a personal best time of 25:30 in the 8K and posted a personal best time of 8:35 in the 3000M.

Freshman **Erica Lear,** a Columbus, Ind., native, comes to Tennessee with the honor of being the first player signed by second year coach Rob Patrick. Lear was a two-time USVBA All-America out of Columbus East High School. She will be counted on heavily from the middle blocker/outside hitter position where Coach Patrick believes need the most support from the newcomers. Lear is currently ranked second on the team is sets with 79 while learning to play at the SEC level (as of Sept. 15).

The Last Word...

MEMORIES OF THE LAST HOUSTON VISIT!

It has been called the game nobody wanted to play, the last time Houston showed up for a game with Tennessee at Neyland Stadium.

The day was Oct. 23, 1965, nearly 33 years ago, and events of the previous Monday, Oct. 18, had cast a pall over campus. Three Tennessee assistant coaches had been killed in a car-train wreck at a West Knoxville grade crossing early that morning.

It came at a time the Vol football program under Doug Dickey had, just two days earlier, left Legion Field with an inspirational 7-7 tie against eventual national champion Alabama.

Here's what Haywood Harris wrote for the Vol game program that week:

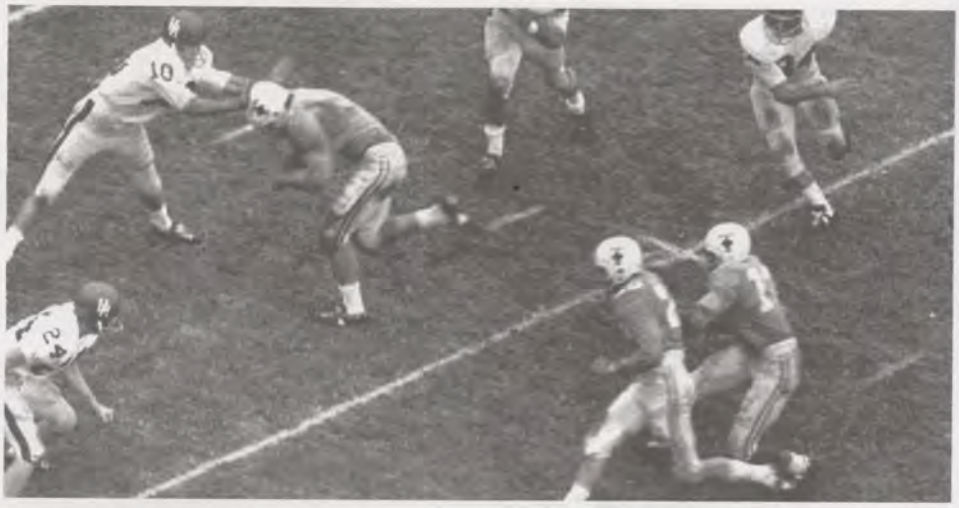
"Strong men wept unashamedly when the news came.

"Unbelieving at first, then unwilling to accept the realization that the unthinkable had actually happened, finally reconciling themselves to the dark truth of the tragedy and searching for ways to help those whose grief was infinitely greater.

"Thus did Tennessee's coaches and other athletic officials react this week to the grim accident that took place Monday at a remote railroad crossing on the city's outskirts, adjacent to a pleasant suburban neighborhood in which normal, happy family activities seemed a thousand light years away from the awful events of that gray morning.

"As this was written, Bill Majors and Bob Jones had made the last journey home, Bill to the beautiful countryside near his native Huntland, Bob back to his beloved Texas, whence he had come only three months earlier. Charley Rash lay in Presbyterian Hospital, clinging to life by a mere thread.

"There is no way under the sun Tennessee could ever replace these three men. Not because of any superiority they enjoyed as coaches, although those who knew about such matters tell me each possessed extraordinary ability in his chosen profession. Rather, it was their qualities as men, their warmth and humor, their concern for the welfare of their players and colleagues, that distinguished their presence among us.



Tennessee moves toward the north goal in the 1965 game against Houston, a game won by the Vols 17-8 and played in memory of fallen coaches Bill Majors, Bob Jones and Charley Rash. Note crosses on the "T's" on Vol helmets. Shown are Walter Chadwick (20) and Charley Fulton (12).

"Rash, for whom there is hope as long as medical science can keep the life processes alive, soon won recognition as a comer among those who met him at civic club dinners and alumni meetings around the state. Charlie's bearing, his ready wit, his quick intelligence stamped him as future head coaching material. He joined Dickey's staff in March 1964 as as offensive line coach. The steady improvement obvious in Tennessee's blocking in early games this season had bolstered Charlie's confidence and noticeably lifted his spirits.

"Of Bill Majors, it is enough for longtime residents of this community to say that he was a Majors. Around here, that means a lot. The forthright son of Shirley and Elizabeth, brother of John, Joe, Larry, Bob and Shirley, he had those wonderful traits of loyalty and straightforwardness that are part and parcel of belonging to the clan Majors. Remarkable people, they.

"Jones, less well known than the others because of the short time he was with us, had become a favorite of his fellow coaches during the two months he had lived here. He had earlier been associated with, and liked very much by Charlie Rash, which was all the recommendation he needed as far as the rest of us were concerned. His face perpetually wearing a bright smile, Bob transmitted an exuberance and a zest for life to those who were associated with him."

The record shows that Charlie Rash died five days after the accident. The record also shows that Tennessee defeated Houston 17-8 on a damp, dark day at Neyland Stadium. The Vols wore crosses on their helmets in memory of their fallen coaches (see picture above) and everyone associated with the Vol program agreed that a young coach named Douglas Adair Dickey had never stood taller.

"Coach Dickey cared deeply about those guys," center Bob Johnson said. "He could be inspirational, but for him to be personally emotional, to shed a tear in front of the team, was not his style. He absolutely cried talking about those guys."

That's the way it was, the last time Houston came to Neyland Stadium, nearly 33 years ago.

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Ideal for the professional that needs a break to recharge the mind – this is a little bit of heaven. Follow a secluded winding road down to the home you've always dreamed of. A private marina and a helicopter pad service the Norris Shores property owners. You can walk out your back door to the water. Relax on your deck overlooking the lake.

Besides the beautiful home, all furnishings will be sold separately at the same auction.

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Sat. & Sun., Oct. 10 & 11 – 10 AM to 5 PM
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Sat., October 17 – 9 AM to 12 noon

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